

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraphs [0021] and [0033] as follows:

[0021] **FIG. 3A** is a perspective view of the beam **140** where the spacer **142**, at one end thereof separated from the distal end 346, is depicted. The beam **140** has an elongated aperture **342** along a portion of its length. The elongated aperture **342** has a width sufficient to enable the post **222** of the base **110** to pass therethrough, but not so wide that when the fixation mechanism, such as the nut **160**, is attached to the post **222**, that the fixation mechanism would not secure the beam **140** to the base **110** at a desired location of the beam **140** relative to the base **110**. Rather, the width is such that the post **222** passes through the aperture **342**, and is engaged by the nut **160**, or other fixation mechanism, to hold the beam **140** to the base **110**.

[0033] **FIG. 5A** shows a side view of an embodiment of the implant **100** of the invention implanted between the S1 and the L5 vertebrae. As evidenced in this figure, the spacer **142** is positioned so that it abuts the spinous process **510** of the L5 vertebrae. The width of the spacer **142** is such that it enables the spacer **142** to engage the spinous process of the L5 vertebrae while enabling the mechanical load of the L5 vertebrae to be spread out over the spacer **142**.

Please amend the Abstract beginning on page 23, at paragraph [0039] as follows:

[0039] **The present Embodiments of the invention is include** an implant for the lumbosacral region of the spine. The implant alleviates pain and increases lumbosacral stability while being minimally invasive. **The In an embodiment of the invention, the device is adapted to be attached to the S1 vertebrae while the beam of the implant engages the spinous process of the L5 vertebrae to spread the mechanical load from the vertebrae through the device.**